

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed November 2, 2004 has been carefully considered by the applicant. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing claim amendments and amendments to the specification, as well as the remarks that follow.

Request for Examiner Interview

Applicant respectfully requests the privilege of an Examiner Interview to discuss the merits of the outstanding Office Action and the proposed Claim Amendments. As this is a Final Office Action, applicant will contact the Examiner in the near future to request the interview.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1 and 4-9 have been rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In addition, the Amendment filed on January 26, 2004 has been objected to under 35 USC § 132 as introducing new matter into the disclosure. In general, the Examiner has objected to the claim language "wherein the corrugation hills and valleys are discontinuous respectively".

By the present Amendment, independent claims 1, 5 and 9 are amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the corrugation hills and valleys as being "annular". The present Amendment does not introduce new matter into the disclosure, as the annular nature of the corrugation hills and valleys is clearly shown in at least Figures 1A, 2A, 2B, 3, 4 and 5, as filed.

By the present Amendment, the specification on page 7 has also been amended to note the annular nature of the corrugated tube 22.

Claims 1 and 4-9 are believed allowable over the applied references. The differences between the claimed subject matter and the prior art references cited in the Office Action of April 21, 2004 as discussed in applicant's previous Response, dated July 20, 2004, are still relevant. (*See e.g.* pages 6-11.) None of the prior art references teach or suggest the claimed elongated hose including corrugation hills and valleys that are annular.

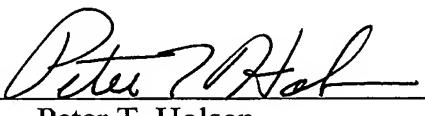
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Conclusion

The present Application is thus believed in condition for allowance with Claims 1 and 4-9. Such action is respectfully requested.

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